

SB-197 Position Statement  
Laurel Rod & Gun Club

Laurel Rod & Gun Club and our 400 plus members are Opposed to SB-197.

- We strongly feel any person younger than 12 years of age, our present age at which a person may hunt in Montana is the very youngest age we should allow. Anyone younger just isn't mature enough.
- We believe and encourage a person younger than 12 accompany a "responsible of age" person into the field to begin learning the values of conservation, woodsmanship and ethical standards.
- We firmly believe in firearm safety, anyone younger than 12 is simply not ready to handle high powered rifles and shotguns.
- Youngsters need to begin with the Red Ryder BB guns and when proficient move up to the 22's and up from there.
- We believe safety is the number 1 issue, both in firearm handling and use and all actions leading up to being in the field and completing field activities.

In closing LRGC is very much Opposed to SB-197. Thank you.

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